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Book Notes

Poetry and Criticism

The forthcoming "Poetry and the Age" Knopf, Aug. 17) is a first volume of critical essays by one of our better known contemporary poets, Randall Jarrell. It includes Mr. Jarrell's controversial article "The Age of Criticism," in which he decries the current criticism that sounds as if it were written by a syndicate of encyclopedias for an audience of International Business Machines," and contains appraisals of such poets as Robert Frost, Walt Whitman and Marianne Moore.

Pre-War History

"The Undeclared War," by William L. Langer and S. Everett Gleason will be published Sept. 2 by Harper. A political and diplomatic history of the period of crisis from September, 1940, to the attack on Pearl Harbor, it is written by two men who have held high posts in government intelligence. Both are on the staff of Harvard University; Mr. Langer is professor of history and Mr. Gleason is on leave with the National Security Council.

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